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SUBJECT: BELGIAN STATEMENT TO PRESS ON MBFR

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS SPOKESMAN, THROUGH NATO SPOKESMAN'S OFFICE, FRIDAY RELEASED STATEMENT ON MBFR BASED ON INTERVENTION BY BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN FRIDAY'S PLENARY SESSION OF NAC MINISTRIAL. FOLLOWING PORTION THIS STATEMENT QUOTED FYI.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: CONCERNING THE COMMON CEILING, IT IS NECESSARY THAT A DISCUSSION TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON WHAT I WILL CALL THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMMON CEILING. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF MODIFYING THE SUBSTANCE BUT TO IMPROVE ITS PRESENTATION TO MEET CERTAIN OBJECTIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE WARSAW PACT. THIS DISCUSSION ON THE STRUCTURE, MOREOVER, HAS ALREADY BEGUN WITH THE LATEST AMERICAN PROPOSALS AIMED AT DEFINING THE STATUS OF AIR FORCES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COMMON CEILING.
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MOREOVER, YESTERDAY WE HEARD MR. KISSINGER TELL US THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO INTRODUCE THIS QUESTION AT THIS STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT HE ALSO SAID TO US THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT INTRODUCING

THIS ELEMENT.

WE ARE INCLINED TO SHARE THIS FEELING BUT THIS SHOULD NOT PREVENT US FROM STUDYING, BETWEEN US AND HENCEFORTH, THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS NUCLEAR COMPONENT IN THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS. END QUOTE.

3. IN AN ATTEMPT TO LIGHTEN AND DISPEL THE IMPACT OF PRECEDING STATEMENT, NATO SPOKESMAN CALLED ON MEMBER OF NUCLEAR PLANNING DIRECTORATE (IS) TO TALK TO FOUR JOURNALISTS WHOSE ATTENTION HAD BEEN ATTRACTED BY STATEMENT. THE JOURNALISTS WERE TOLD THAT QUESTION OF INTRODUCING NUCLEAR ISSUE INTO MBFR WAS ONLY IN THE IDEA STAGE. HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT GIVEN THIS FACT, JOURNALISTS WOULD NOT WRITE ABOUT IT.
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